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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventors: B. J. Hawkins  
For: An Automated Bidding Process And System  
Attorney Docket Number: 2073.301

Enclosed are:

- (1) Specification consisting of 30 pages.
- (2) 29 Claims: 4 independent, 25 dependent.
- (3) Informal Drawings consisting of 18 sheets.
- (4) Power of Attorney and Declaration.
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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.10 and 1.53, applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned a serial number and a filing date of February 2, 2001 the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail.

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Respectfully submitted,

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